

Coalition To Save Rent Control

Feb. 25, 1985

Dear Tenants and Supporters,

On Saturday, March 9, at 10:00 A.M. at the office of Newark Coalition For Neighborhoods, 38 1/2 Walnut St., we will be holding a strategy meeting about our next steps in the efforts to protect rent control.

As you probably know, because of our efforts the changes which were being proposed in the law were tabled at the last City Council meeting. We are glad this happened, because we have serious problems with the proposals especially:

- 1) eliminating rent control from 4 family occupied buildings and
- 2) vacancy decontrol (which they are calling "rehabilitation"), which will result in tenants being forced out, and rents going up 50%!

Special thanks to the following people who spoke at the meeting: Frank Hutchins- Newark Tenants Organization, Elmont Tunison - 4 family home resident, Thalia Virgil - 381 Broad St. Tenants, Rev. David Robinson - MEM, Heiberto Sanchez-Soto - La Casa de Don Pedro, Eric Duff - Apostles House, Richard Cammareiri - Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods, Miguel de la Carrerra - Legal Services, Frank Hurtz - Coalition Six, Trish Jarecke - 30 Walnut St. Tenants. Paul Sanders, Peoples Organization for Progress, was prepared to speak but had to leave (the meeting went until 1 in the morning!). Also thanks to Ron Dennis from the Vailsburg Block Council, and Kevin Mancini, from the Ivy Hill Block Association, who couldn't make the meeting but sent written statements of support. William Good, from Douglas Harrison Apartments Tenants Association, also spoke - thank you. And thanks to all those tenants who attended the meeting.

Our bright blue buttons reading I AM A TENANT AND I VOTE were noticeable and effective!

We can't rest now. Although we are not sure what the next developments will be, it is important that we keep informed, and take the initiative in trying to strengthen our rent control law. Otherwise Newark residents will find themselves priced out of Newark!

Join us on Saturday, March 9 so we can make plans for our next steps.

See you then,

Frank Hutchins
& Nancy Zak